

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: :  
Heldesjö et al. : Attorney Docket: 43315-212352  
Application No.: 10/520,919 : Art Unit: 3656  
Filed: January 11, 2005 : Examiner: M. Johnson  
Title: A DEVICE FOR AN INDUSTRIAL ROBOT

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement issued November 12, 2008, Applicants restrict prosecution of this application with traverse to group I, claims 1-14 and 17-20.

Applicants traverse the restriction requirement on the basis that this is a national phase application and unity of invention exists between the two groups of claims identified by the Examiner. According to PCT Rule 13, which relates to unity of invention, and Annex B of the Administrative Instructions Under The PCT, which states that an application may include an independent claim directed to a process and an independent claim directed to an apparatus for carrying out the process. In this application, claims 15 and 16 recite a method of restricting the working range around an axis of an industrial robot and claims 1-14 and 17-20 recite an apparatus for restricting the working range around an axis of an industrial robot. Accordingly,

this application includes claims directed to classes of invention permitted in one application by the Patent Cooperation Treaty. Therefore, unity of invention exists in this application and Applicants submit that the restriction requirement is improper and respectfully request its withdrawal.

If an interview would advance the prosecution of this application, Applicants respectfully urge the Examiner to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The undersigned authorizes the Commissioner to charge fee insufficiency and credit overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.

Respectfully submitted,

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